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## FROM THE STATE HOUSE

### Smith Bill to Amend the Stormwater Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act

Legislation that would almost double the amount of state funds by leveraging existing resources available under a bond act for stormwater management and combined sewer overflow abatement projects was approved the Assembly Energy and Environment Committee.

The bill would administer \$45 million from bonds issued from the "Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act of 1989." The funds are available as low interest loans to local governments for financing the construction of related projects.

### Florio Signs Mattison/Deverin Bill Giving Elizabeth Power to Impose Hotel Tax

A bill that would give Elizabeth the power to impose a hotel tax was signed into law by Governor Jim Florio.

Assemblyman Jackie R. Mattison (D-Plains) and Thomas J. Deverin (D-Union/Middlesex) are sponsoring the legislation (A-304).

New Jersey law now allows cities of the first class to impose hotel taxes of up to six percent, up to this point Newark and Jersey City are the only two cities in our state that fall into this classification.

Now Elizabeth should also have the authority to impose a hotel tax because part of Newark International Airport is located in the city. Because of the airport, the city has many hotels that are used by out-of-state residents, who would pay the tax.

### Doria/Schwartz Legislation Taps Into Talents of Gifted Students

The Assembly Education Committee approved legislation that would create a new innovative program to challenge New Jersey students who have demonstrated exceptional learning abilities in such fields as science, mathematics, and numerous technologies.

The legislation (A-4476), sponsored by Assembly Speaker Joseph V. Doria, Jr. (D-Hudson) and Assemblyman David Schwartz (D-Middlesex/Union) would establish a Talent Development program to offer students in grades K through 12 new opportunities to excel academically in unique educational environments.

The bill would establish in each New Jersey county a Governor's School for exemplary talented seventh and eighth grade students.

### Governor signs Bill Protecting Tenants from Eviction

Governor Jim Florio signed a law placing a moratorium on the conversion of rental units to condos, protecting tenants from eviction.

The bill, S 905A 1017, sponsored by Senator Thomas Cowan/Assemblyman David Kronick, places a moratorium on conversions until on January 1, 1991 while permanent legislation dealing with the issue is developed.

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## State NAACP chief speaks out on brutality

by Jan Edgenton-Johnson

NEWARK—As Keith Jones, state coordinator of the NAACP, describes it, the Hannah's charge against some Plainfield officers is

a continuation of the acts of violence that have occurred against blacks in Morristown, Vineland, Teaneck, Paterson, and Plainfield as well as many cities and towns where the rights of black people are violated by those who are

sworn to uphold the law. Jones states that blacks are the only people who cannot determine when their children leave home, if they will return safely.

According to Jones, due to the number of cases that the NAACP

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## Hannahs press for justice after de ja vu police incident

by Ronald Strothers

PLAINFIELD—Less than a year following the death of their son, Santana Hannah, in police custody, Alvin and Venus Hannah find themselves eerily embroiled in another incident involving one of their sons.

The couple has claimed police brutality in the February 17 altercation involving their 14-year-old son, Uriah, and Plainfield police officers.

The incident stemmed from a toy car Uriah had which escaped into traffic on New Street, site of the confrontation.

The police report of the incident asserts young Hannah was obstructing traffic with the toy. The family says the patrolmen resorted to violence following their



Alvin and Venus Hannah

## Plainfield man beaten by 'police' in Sayreville

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD—A planned night at the movies ended up as anything but entertainment for two young men from Plainfield two weeks ago. The alleged incident occurred on March 9 at the Ambio Multiplex Theater in Sayreville.

The two young men, Lamont Crawley, and his friend Lamar Riddick, and several other friends had planned on attending the late night showing of the newly released movie, "New Jack City. While on line waiting to purchase tickets for the show two young men began fighting. "One guy was hit-

ting the other about the head with one of those pull out car radios. A cop who was in the lobby, let the fight go on. Crawley said, he didn't do anything to stop it."

While the fight was expanding, an alleged police officer rushed toward one of the pair's friends and pushed him toward the door, before Crawley knew what had happened, his friend was forced outside of the theater and told to place his hands against the wall. A group of other men in plain clothes, who were first thought to be security guards for the theater, began to come toward the group of young people, they in turn were hurried outside. The men in plain clothes, never

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## Mitchell announces plan to address police brutality charges

PLAINFIELD—Amidst citizen complaints of racism, excessive force and brutality by members of the Plainfield police force, combined with a perceived lack of administrative responsiveness by City officials, Mayor Harold W. Mitchell announced the City's plan to address the charges raised at Monday night's Municipal Council Meeting. Mayor Mitchell stated, "It is purely coincidental that the timing of the commu-

nity's outcry is occurring at the same time in which we have developed a comprehensive strategy to address systemic concerns within our police division. Nonetheless, we are prepared to move forward and confront the challenge before us."

The plan prepared by Cheryl Carmichael, Director of Personnel and Leon Adams, Director of Public Affairs and Safety, identifies and isolates several opera-

tional and training/development needs within the police division. Areas identified include: recruitment and selection, performance standards, accountability, operational policies and procedures, race relations, cultural awareness, community relations, excessive force and professional standards development. According to Carmichael, "It was our intent to present a proactive plan and ap-

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## Plainfield Festival for Kids planned for June

PLAINFIELD—The Honorable Harold W. Mitchell, Mayor of the City of Plainfield and Dr. Annette Kearney, Superintendent of Schools today unveiled plans for "A Festival for Kids."

The Festival, Scheduled for Saturday, June 29, 1991, on the grounds of Plainfield High School, is focused on Children from birth to 10 years of age.

"We are inviting youngsters and their parents from all of the surrounding areas," Mayor Mitchell stated.

"It is really a big children's party," Dr. Kearney said. "We have planned a roller parade, infant

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Plainfield Schools Superintendent, Dr. Annette Kearney and Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell celebrate with one of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles over the \$25,000 that has been set for the festival.

has received, the Judiciary Committee, in conjunction with the United States Civil Rights Commission, will convene hearings on the alleged occurrence of police brutality at the state, county and

municipal levels. "There is a definite illness in our society when law enforcement officers can march in Teaneck, including black officers, with uni-

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## Police brutality covered by the 'blue veil'

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The scene captured so graphically on videotape which has presumably shocked the world, unfortunately, is the rule and not the exception. As we watched Rodney King being viciously assaulted by members of the Los Angeles Police Department, it really came as no great surprise. The real surprise was that this latest act of police brutality was captured on tape, which could clearly document how much out of control, some members of the police department are.

Every day, in every major urban city across this nation, there are excessive acts of force, and questionable tactics used by so-called law enforcement officers in

the African American and Hispanic communities. People have called the police for help, and have often found themselves brutalized by the officers they have requested help from. We have seen our mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers, sons and daughters, shot down, choked to death, busted in the head, etc., by some police officers who obviously have no regard for the law or think they are above the law.

Arthur Miller, remember him? He was a community leader in Brooklyn, who was murdered by a mob of 23 police officers, as they viciously choked and beat him to death. What was Arthur Miller's crime? He didn't commit one. In fact, Arthur worked in the neighborhood to help establish

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## Tate distributes drug money among Essex County police departments

NEWARK — Essex County Prosecutor Herbert H. Tate, distributes among four Essex County Law Enforcement organizations a total of \$173,205.37 seized from drug dealers.

Prosecutor Tate said the money was a portion of forfeited funds derived from the seizure of the assets of drug dealers over a period of several months.

The Newark Police Department received \$100,649.39 of this distribution; the East Orange Police Department received

\$29,521.59; the Irvington Police Department received \$27,873.80 and the Orange Police Department received \$15,160.59.

Prosecutor Tate distributes forfeited funds several times a year as part of the New Jersey Attorney General's Stewie Action Plan for Narcotics Enforcement.

Tate said that all forms of property, profits and proceeds from the course of any illegal narcotics enterprise are subject to seizure including cash, automobile

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## Lipman identifies tax savings for Newark

TRENTON — Senator Wynona Lipman, D-Essex, said the \$360 million property tax relief program enacted into law recently will provide significant savings for residents of Newark.

"The average homeowner in Newark will see a real and immediate savings of approximately \$292 in their property taxes," said Senator Lipman. "The tax relief program will provide permanent reductions in property taxes at the same time it delivers the largest increase in school funding in the

state's history."

Funding for both the heightened school aid and tax relief effort will come from the \$1.3 billion increase in the state income tax on the State's wealthiest citizens. The program will guarantee lower taxes in more than 350 communities — including Newark — and stabilize tax rates in all the other towns and cities in the state.

At the same time, a record \$4,472 million will be funneled to

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## Tri-county minority business owners review of Kuwait reconstruction

MORRISTOWN—On Tuesday, March 12, the Tri-County Minority Business Owners Association monthly meeting included a guest, Senator Leana Brown representative from the 26th District.

Senator Brown's lecture was timely based on her current activities as a member of the U.S. Small Business Administration's International Trade Subcommittee and

Governor's Commission on International Trade, because several members of the association had expressed interest in the reconstruction plans for Kuwait.

Senator Brown emphasized the need for small businesses to become actively involved in international affairs. She stressed, however, the importance of laying

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# CITY PEOPLE

## People on the move...

Larry Lockhart, Assistant Commissioner of the New Jersey State Department of Human Services was the keynote speaker on March 21 at the City of East Orange's luncheon in recognition of National Social Service Month... **Larrie W. Staika**, County Register, Essex County, N.J. joined more than 2,000 county officials from across the U.S. in attending the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference held on March 16-19 in Washington... **Ronald G. Bell** of Somerset County was recently appointed Executive Director of the New Jersey Chapter, National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse (NJC-NCPA)... **Fred J. Howlett** was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year 1990 by the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce... **Ralph M. Shrom** of Southampton (Burlington County), has joined the Marcus Group, Inc., by the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce... **George Lindsey Young**, WWOZ-TV's Channel 9 weatherman has teamed up with the New Jersey Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E. NJ) to honor students involved in the D.A.R.E. NJ program... **Nicholas G. Marotta** of Watchung, N.J., former president and chief executive officer of the National Star and Chemical Company of Bridgewater, will be honored March 29 at the 19th Annual Good Friday Concert in the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

## NJ Alliance of Black School Educators honor principals

The Second Annual VIP Champagne Brunch given by the New Jersey Alliance of Black School Educators honored school principals from throughout the state who have developed exemplary programs for minority youth. **Dr. Roy J. Dawson, Jr.** gave opening remarks and welcomed the superintendents, principals, family and friends of the Alliance.



Principals honored are: (left to right) **Cora Thomas**, Bucksutem Road Elementary School, Bldgeton; **Alice Dunston**, Miller Street Elementary School, Newark; **Thelma Napoleon-Smith**, Gregory Elementary School, Trenton.



Principals honored are: (left to right) **Albert Hawkins**, Winfield Scott School No. 2, Elizabeth; **Dorothy Wyatt**, Rilettia Twyne Cream Elementary School, Camden; **William Smith**, Whitney M. Young Jr. School, No. 15, Jersey City.



Principals honored are: (left to right) **Emmanuel Addo**, Essex County Youth House, Essex County Vocational Schools, Newark; **Patricia Cook**, Morgan Village Middle Schools, Camden; **James D. Washington**, Chancellor Avenue School, Irvington.



Principals honored are: (left to right) **Loretta Onyeali**, Bernice L. Edmondson Community Education Center, East Orange; **Dorilla Williams**, Emerson Elementary School, Plainfield; **Jacqueline Harvard**, Memorial Middle Intermediate School, Vineland.

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by

**Dr. Charles W. Faulkner**

## Rodney King and the 'Other' America

"Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light," Those touching words of The Star Spangled Banner, are being sung by many Americans as they celebrate the return of American soldiers from the Gulf. Television has shown grateful Americans tying yellow ribbons to their door knobs, their trees, their porch bannisters.

While doing all of this tying and wrapping perhaps they can help us to tie the bandages around Rodney King's broken leg. Or apply a bandage to his fractured eye socket. Or his broken jaw bone. Or his sun gun burns. I'll bet that Rodney King is not singing the National Anthem. He just experienced the "Other" America. The one which nearly every black and minority American regularly experiences and some whites, too.

This is an America that gives the legal power of life, death, abuse and hatred to some uninformed Americans. It is so far from the television picture tubes. But it is present in the daily lives of people who look like me. One of the things that minority Americans fear most is being stopped by a white policeman, at night, in an isolated area.

Whether you get beaten up, or otherwise abused, has little to do with whether you have broken a law or are abusing by the law. Whether you get legally beaten up (or, in some cases, killed) depends upon whether the police officer is looking for a black person to beat up. If he is, and if you just happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, your family may never hear from you again. You could

become a statistic who "died while resisting arrest." Nearly every black or minority person knows what I mean, and dreads the possibility of being a law abiding victim of police brutality. I have had a policeman's gun pointed at me, and have been handcuffed for virtually no reason. Have you experienced this? If you are black or minority, I'll bet you have, or, you know someone who has. Rodney King, the victim who almost died, it black. All of the policemen are white. So which America is this?

Three policemen actually did the beating of Rodney King. They seemed to enjoy it. Ten other policemen stood around and watched it. They seemed to enjoy it. These are two categories of people who hate blacks. Those who participate in the lynching and those who get their kicks out of watching the lynching. They may smile at you, but, do they hate you? You'll never know until you are stopped, by a policeman, at night, in an isolated area.

This incident would not have made the newspapers had it not been coincidentally videotaped. Last year, another black man had his head shoved through a storefront window. Everybody said that we would rise up and put an end, finally, to this brutality. But it didn't stop. Rodney King still got his. Who will be next? Maybe you, me or a member of our family, if we do nothing but complain. The next time it happens, will one of the participating policemen be a veteran who just returned from the Gulf?

## Gospel Music Workshop presents Easter Program

NEWARK—The North Jersey Chapter (NJ) of the Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA) presents a special musical on Easter Sunday, March 31, 4 p.m., at the First Zion Hill Baptist Church, 1-15 Leslie Street, corner of Clin-

ton Avenue in Newark.

This event features performances by the NJC's Youth Division Choir, along with special guests Sherry McChoe of Newark and the Shiloh Baptist Church Youth Choir of Plainfield. Admis-

sion is open to the public and a free will offering is requested.

Founded in 1968 by the late Rev. James Cleveland, the GMWA is a national, non-denominational organization comprised of singers, songwriters, musicians, recording

artists, ministers, church officers and more. The Adult Division of the NJC meets Thursdays at 8:15 p.m. and the Youth Division (ages 7 - 23) meets at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the First Zion Hill Baptist Church, 1-15 Leslie Street, Newark. The NJC is currently recruiting new members. Call (201) 534-6203 for information.

Representatives of the NJC were among 2,000 attendees at the GMWA's Annual Board Meeting held earlier this month in Charlotte, North Carolina. GMWA chapters from across the nation met to finalize plans for the organization's 24th Annual Convention to be held August 11-17 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Funds raised at the NJC's Easter Musical will help defray the expenses of the Youth Division to attend the convention.

ing entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The second annual Women in Engineering Conference will be held until the 4th at the Metro Center Holiday Inn-Croome Plaza. For more information, contact the Office of Women's Programs, Stevens Institute of Technology at 201-420-5245.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 10 a.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

NEWARK—The International Black Women's Congress will host a two week tour of Egypt. For reservations and further information, call 201-928-0570.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

WESTFIELD—Learn to reduce fat and cholesterol content of foods you prepare at a class offered by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County in the Extension Auditorium from 1 to 3 p.m. and again from 7 to 9 p.m. For information call 201-654-9654.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

TOMS RIVER—Believe in Rainbows, re-learning how to find the joy and beauty in the world around us at 7:30, Ocean County College, Community Education Department. For information call 908-255-0404.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

UNION COUNTY—Free nutrition lecture at New Raritan Hospital from 1 to 3 p.m. How new dietary guidelines can reduce risk of heart disease and cancer. Classes open and free to the public. For information call 201-654-9654.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 10 a.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

JERSEY CITY—Up, Up, and Away! workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hepburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 5 p.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23

JERSEY CITY—"Heaven's Above" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hepburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 10 a.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

### TUESDAY, MAY 6

JERSEY CITY—"Mystery Matter" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hepburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 5 p.m. for adults consider-



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# Liipman identifies tax savings

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the public schools in 1992, with large increases going to the "special needs" districts — such as Newark — so that they can achieve spending parity with the wealthiest districts within five years. A legal challenge to the poorer school systems prompted the governor and the Legislature to the Quality Education Act last year, Senator Liipman noted.

"The educational opportunities we provide for our children will help shape their future," said Senator Liipman. "This infusion of additional funding will raise the educational level in the Newark schools and across the state."

The property tax relief program will distribute \$305 million in municipal aid on a per capita basis to all communities, with the remaining \$55 million designated for large cities and for emergency funding needs. The lower tax rates will benefit both homeowners and businesses, Senator Liipman noted.

The average assessed home in Newark, valued at \$117,000, will receive a tax reduction of \$292.

# Hannahs press for justice

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embarrassment after rear-ending a motorist and being ridiculed by youngsters in the area.

Alvin Hannah alleged an officer tried to break the toy. The elder Hannah, arriving on the scene after the incident began, revealed when he attempted to ascertain from the officers the nature of the disturbance, he was told to "get the (sheep) out of here. You don't have anything to do with this."

By the end of the entanglement, the parents were arrested, charged with obstruction of the administration of law and simple assault on the officers, and Uriah had passed out.

Police said the youngster suffered a seizure, but Venus Hannah alleged her son dropped to the ground unconscious, the result of sustained choking with a nightstick by one of the officers.

The incident is highlighted by virtue of it coming on the heels of the nationally watched Los Angeles police brutality case involving Rodney King. The Hannahs, however, caution against linking the two.

"This situation in Plainfield hasn't just started," Alvin Hannah noted. "The L.A. incident doesn't have anything to do with Plainfield because this situation has been here."

Salam Ismail, President of the United Youth Council, which is pursuing the possibility of Civil Rights violations in the case, said a call should be made for a housecleaning of the Plainfield department.

"We are going to be identifying other cases," Ismail said. "There has been a pattern of police brutality (locally) we want to identify to the public."

Included in the UYC agenda regarding the case is: A public hearing on police harassment and brutality, immediate suspension of the officers involved in the Hannah case, and cultural programs to uplift the community.

Ismail also cited what he contends is a preoccupation on the part of the City Council to provide legal defenses for officers accused in brutality matters.

He pointed to the March 18 Council agenda which listed, and recommended approval of their defense, a number of officers involved in such cases.

The Hannahs' quest is spurred in part by their insistence their late son, Santana, did not commit suicide, but died at the hands of police. Their pathologist supported that claim, they said, while the Grand Jury found no basis to have the case pursued.

# Drug money distributed

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bles, houses buildings, warehouses, bank accounts, stock portfolios and businesses linked in any way to illegal drug distribution activities.

Prosecutor Tate, as directed by Judge Joseph P. Conahan, said the forfeiture funds among all of the law enforcement agencies participating in each underlying investigation. These funds, according to Tate, must be used exclusively for law enforcement purposes.

Properties with higher values will realize even greater savings, Senator Liipman pointed out.

The high rate of property taxes that has afflicted New Jersey during the 1980s has hit the cities especially hard," said Senator Liipman. "This plan will ease the burden of property taxes for working people at the same time it boosts the schools with needed funding."

While the new law sets limits on school spending increases, the special needs districts will be given higher caps so they can equalize their funding levels with the well-to-do school systems.

The revised law also eliminates the so-called "spend-up" provision in the original QEA law, which would have required some municipalities to increase local taxes to qualify for all their school aid. In addition, the cost of teachers' pensions and social security costs will be shifted back to the state for the next two years, further easing the pull on local taxes.

# Mitchell on police brutality

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proach to addressing this complex social-political phenomenon. We have been working on this plan for the past year. We feel that a comprehensive, coordinated plan will work best in our community. It's a real plan which truly seeks to include meaningful representation and participation by the community's leadership."

Leon Adams, Public Affairs and Safety Director, stated that, "Given the number of areas to be addressed by the plan, we have made initial contact with State and national law enforcement organizations for technical assistance. We have also received offers from professionals within the community who are anxious to help."

One critical component of the plan, community relations, was presented on Thursday night, March 21, in City Hall where a meeting with community leaders and City officials was convened.

# Plainfield man beaten by 'police' in Sayersville

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identified themselves as police officers nor any kind of authority figure, nor did they wear badges, Crawley said. Once the group was outside, they were hit with nightsticks and flashlights and the all white mob bombarded them with racial slurs.

While coming to the aid of another friend, Riddick was allegedly struck on top of the head with a nightstick, which split his forehead open. Another friend of their's was struck and received a broken jaw.

As the chaos in front of the theater cooled down, Crawley said he began to run across the parking lot, toward the highway as he ran he said he noticed at least five police officers chasing him. Suddenly, he decided that maybe running wasn't a good idea so he stopped and the police handcuffed him and led him back to an awaiting squad car. He claims that at this point he still was not shown a badge or any identification. Riddick was also arrested

# South Africa Dabbles in the Suspension of Gulf War

by Daniel Marolen

The Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations issued in February 28 a press release (03/91) that deals with the cessation of hostilities in the Persian Gulf. This press release summarizes a statement recently made by Foreign Minister Roelof "Pik" Botha. It states, inter alia, that the South African government warmly welcomes the announcement of President Bush that operations in the Persian Gulf were suspended. There is nothing wrong with this statement.

But one wonders what the suspension of the Gulf fiasco has to do with South Africa, which is embroiled neck-deep in its own

centuries old racial turmoil with the native inhabitants of that country. South Africa's problem of apartheid is certainly the longest racial war in world history. It has dragged on and on since world-famous mariner, Jan van Riebeeck, first settled Dutch immigrants at the Cape of Good Hope. Since then, it has been a battle of the gun versus the spear in South Africa. The gun ultimately triumphed and decimated whole tribes of Khoikhoi and San! Africans. But the long-drawn-out war continues rage into its 340th anniversary today, in 1991.

South Africa has enough troubles of its own, and should refrain from dabbling in Gulf politics. Its own apartheid problem foreshadows any other in modern history. It has defied the combined member-

nations of the United Nations Organization since 1946.

Botha states, "The government (of South Africa) trusts that the suspension of military action will lead to a firm ceasefire." Does he know that the release of Nelson Mandela in February 1990 didn't lead to a cease-fire in South Africa? There, apartheid is very in place! And President de Klerk's promise of a democratic non-racial South Africa is still far from realization. There is still no cease-fire in sight against apartheid, which continues to enslave 29,000,000 Africans in their land of origin.

The Foreign Minister adds, "We, and indeed, the entire world, pray that the fighting, the loss of

life and injury to human beings, the destruction of property and the

damage of the environment will cease for good." But all this litany of woes is what is happening in today's South Africa. And these abuses of human rights and freedoms have gone on and on since 1652! Three hundred and thirty-nine years at a stretch! And the end is nowhere in sight. Botha and his henchmen and their brainiac apartheid clique continue to entrench black subjugation and white domination...

Furthermore, Botha says, "This war (the Gulf war) should never have been fought." Rather, he should have said that apartheid should have never been introduced and institutionalized in South Africa. The apartheid evil is worse than the Gulf fiasco which Botha hypocritically decries. Nothing compares with apartheid which totally uproots and disenfranchises the entire black population of the South African Sub-Continent.

Botha's argument that Saddam Hussein's aggression, violation of his neighbor's territory served no purpose boomerangs on the apartheid regime's aggression and violations against the Africans of South Africa. The Dutch have brutally violated the African habitat. And this served no good purpose. Apartheid is a senseless mania. Hence, it was doomed from the outset to world opposition and rejection.

This press release goes on to say, "The world is entering a new era in which political objectives can no longer be achieved through force." This is true, and cannot be gainsaid. But South Africa archives its apartheid and Bantustan objectives by force.

Certainly, South Africa should first put its house in order before attempts to dabble in international political affairs with which it is at variance. The problem of apartheid is the thorniest and gravest contention of human rights this world has ever dealt with. It must be tackled immediately and obliterated forthwith. It is a crime to humanity.

# City of Plainfield Division of Personnel/Human Resources Employee Demographic Uniformed Police Officers Summary Report MARCH 4, 1991

| MALES                                                                                                               |           |           |       |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|
| Ethnic Group                                                                                                        | Full-time | Part-time | Temp. | Total |
| Black                                                                                                               | 45        | 0         | 0     | 45    |
| White                                                                                                               | 77        | 0         | 0     | 77    |
| Hispanic                                                                                                            | 10        | 0         | 0     | 10    |
| Asian                                                                                                               | 1         | 0         | 0     | 1     |
|                                                                                                                     | 133       | 0         | 0     | 133   |
| FEMALES                                                                                                             |           |           |       |       |
| Ethnic Group                                                                                                        | Full-time | Part-time | Temp. | Total |
| Black                                                                                                               | 8         | 0         | 0     | 8     |
| White                                                                                                               | 1         | 0         | 0     | 1     |
| Hispanic                                                                                                            | 1         | 0         | 0     | 1     |
| Asian                                                                                                               | 0         | 0         | 0     | 0     |
|                                                                                                                     | 10        | 0         | 0     | 10    |
| Total Number of Employees: 143                                                                                      |           |           |       |       |
| Police Chief: 1 White Male                                                                                          |           |           |       |       |
| Police Captains: 3 White Males, 1 Hispanic Male                                                                     |           |           |       |       |
| Police Lieutenants: 1 Black Male, 4 White Males                                                                     |           |           |       |       |
| Police Sergeants: 4 Black Males, 13 White Males, 1 Hispanic Male, 1 White Female                                    |           |           |       |       |
| Police Officers: 40 Black Males, 56 White Males, 8 Hispanic Males, 1 Asian Male, 8 Black Females, 1 Hispanic Female |           |           |       |       |

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For various narcotics related offenses occurring in the area of Liberty Street and West Fourth St. This location has been the subject of numerous complaints from area residents and churches in the area.

This one day operation, which lasted from 10:00 a.m. until midnight, resulted in the following arrests:

Ricky Williams, age 29 of 502 West Fifth St., Plainfield, Pos. of CDS, distribution of CDS and distribution within 1000 feet of a school zone. Held in \$2500 bail.

Beverly Stokes, age 30 of 911 Wauson Ave., Plainfield, Pos. of CDS, poss. of narcotic paraphernalia held in \$500 bail.

Gary K. Muse, age 24 of 914 Putnam Ave. Plainfield, poss. of CDS, distribution of CDS and distribution within 1000 feet of a school zone. Bail \$2500.

Gary L. Nagan, age 39 of 4480 Stetson Road, South Plainfield.

A seventeen year old male who lived in the 10 Block of West Third St. Charged with poss. of CDS and distribution of CDS.

A sixteen year old male from the 10 Block of Westerville Ave. in Plainfield charged with poss. of CDS and distribution of CDS.

Both of these youths were transported to the Youth Detention Facility in Elizabeth and incarcerated.

Members of the Tri-County Border Anti-Drug Team and the Plainfield Police Special Investigations Unit assisted in this operation.

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## Editorial

### How far have we come?

When "Massah" Sam took Old Charlie out to the woodshed and beat him till his body oozed blood, and when he grabbed Annie, showed her to the ground and proceeded to force himself on her, and when he examined the mouth of Old Kunta to see if he was "good stock," Africans were treated as property. Therefore, it did not matter how they were treated because if you own something, you have a right to treat it anyway you wish.

The police officers featured in the film brutalizing their prisoner must have felt their victim to be far less than human. After all, humans are not property.

The LA beating did not happen in 1971. In March of 1991, twenty-one officers either participated or stood by and watched. One even commented that he hadn't given anyone a good beating in a long time (shades of Massah Sam). That must mean that the last time one of his victims accused him of brutality, he was vindicated as he felt he would be this time.

What is really sick about this whole scenario is that this society has allowed this type of thing to continue as long as it was not confronted with the reality that police brutality actually exists. Now that it has been graphically and unequivocally shown again in the LA film, what will America do about it?

The PBA has banned together to defend these officers and other officers who have been similarly charged. President Bush has come to the aid of the LA chief of police. Blacks have lined up squarely behind the charges of brutality espoused by any and everybody. In essence, this is one more issue to polarize an already camped nation.

There should be no sides to take. If you do the crime, you pay the time. However in 1991, in 1991, black people don't have to commit a crime to be hit, be humiliated and brutalized by the modern day "Massahs."

With the increasing charges of police brutality, a joint civilian/police review board could help to return confidence to the African American community. Although the boards have been traditionally opposed by the police, it is time for people to aggressively and seriously move to set up such mechanisms to let everyone know and understand that we are all expected to live within the law and respect each other as human beings.

## Quote of the Week

We've got something that fire cannot burn and water cannot drown. We've got determination, you are a great people, so let's act like it. Rev. Dr. J.H. Jackson 73rd NAACP Address

## Letters

### An open letter to General Colin L. Powell

**Dear General Powell:**  
Now that the struggle for the restoration of Kuwait's sovereignty has been won and the Iraqi aggression which threatened the very basis of the international order defeated, I wish to take this opportunity not only to review the cordial personal contacts which I had with you during these past months of trial, but to thank you most sincerely for the magnificent leadership which you have demonstrated.

Personally, and on behalf of our organization, Citizens for a Free Kuwait, I also wish to extend to all of the valiant Armed Forces under your command, the gratitude of Kuwaitis everywhere for their sacrifices.

It is especially important at this time of victory that we acknowledge the vast African-American contribution to these efforts on behalf of our liberation and the upholding of international law and order. The participation of such large numbers of African American men and women, separated from loved ones for many months, who have served with such outstanding distinction, gives us cause for genuine admiration. We are aware that their blood, which has been shed in defense of freedom, liberty and justice, along with the ultimate sacrifices made by other Americans

and members of the Allied Coalition, makes it all the more imperative that we, the people of Kuwait, in its full commitment to these democratic values, I hasten to point out in this context that although Kuwait makes no mention of "color" or "race" in its own self-definition, that Africa has contributed substantially to the very substance of the Kuwaiti people. Priding ourselves on being a non-racial society, we sincerely hope that the common struggle for freedom will redound to the national and ethnic well being of African-Americans as well as our own.

I am taking the liberty, General Powell, of releasing this letter to the press for appropriate public information.

H. A. Al-Elbraheem, Ph.D.  
Citizens for a Free Kuwait

### What are the real war crimes?

**Dear Editor:**  
Recently we have seen U.S. servicemen P.O.W.'s shown or as some have termed it, paraded, on television. They may or may not have been beaten. We, as U.S. citizens, are aware of this.

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by Connie Woodruff

We know coalitions foster change. We know coalitions can pressure legislators to support bills that develop new domestic policies and we know that coalitions can change the nation's political and economic patterns as minority groups seek a larger slice of power and prosperity.

After 400 years Black Americans (for the most part) are still on the outside looking in whether the issue be jobs, education, housing or politics.

Compare that to the Asian-Hispanic population immigrants who have migrated to these shores in the last decade. Their numbers have doubled and according to census bureau figures Hispanics alone have increased 50 percent since the last census count in 1980.

An experiment that held great promise for minorities in 1970 was established in Newark when Ken Gibson was attempting to become the first black mayor of the state's largest city.

A coalition known as the

Black and Puerto Rican Coalition was formed and lasted long enough to elect Gibson and gain national publicity for many Puerto Ricans in the city.

Most of the Hispanic leaders who emerged in the 1970s have gone on to bigger and better things. Some were hired by major corporations who knew it was good business to have a visible bilingual on staff; others became teachers in elementary, secondary schools and the State University. Many became entrepreneurs, opening bodegas, restaurants and boutiques.

The assorted Asians who have chosen New Jersey as their second home, followed the ambitious Haitians, Caribbeans and Hispanics. As a result, New Jersey probably has more wig stores and Asian restaurants per capita than any state along the Eastern Seaboard corridor. Before the 1970s there was no such animal as a Chinese Fast Food eatery.

Since the 1970s many of the immigrant Hispanics and Asians have tried to walk with a foot in both camps. It has been natural for them to gravitate toward the power group and for sure it has opened doors of opportunity for some.

## As I See It....

But the Hispanics who have succeeded have been white. Black Puerto Ricans, Columbians, etc. are still among the uneducated poverty-stricken.

It was partly this desire for acceptance by the white community that led to the breakup of Newark's Black and Puerto Rican Coalition and it will be this attitude that will limit Hispanic-Asian quest for power.

One can already see changes taking place in New Jersey that will further divide the minority population.

Honest Hispanic leadership will admit they prefer going it alone to get their just due of monies that come into the state for a variety of programs.

New Jersey's Black Issues Convention (BIC) makes it perfectly clear their mission is to forward the Black agenda and entrenched black politicians.

Thus, the two groups who should be natural allies that were in the civil rights struggle, are fiercely competing against each other for control from the power structure table.

Unless attitudes change, neither group will win significantly. To be sure a few from each group will prosper and attain some sort

of mini-power but without coalescing, there will be no clear cut victory no matter how large their numbers.

When a decision is finally made on the new legislative districts, the ideal situation would be to carve out not one but several districts with the potential of electing more blacks and Hispanics to legislative offices.

The fact that New Jersey only has five black Assemblymen and two state senators is disgraceful in 1990. These folks come from three of five urban communities and must rely on their ability to negotiate and to compromise to get their bills passed.

When hearings on redistricting are held, none of the black political leaders bother to pack the place with their constituents. Consequently, blacks know little or nothing about how the real world of politics works.

It should be of prime interest to Congressman Donald Payne to mind the store in New Jersey. His voice should be heard above all on the redistricting question.

If Payne's district is gerrymandered out of existence, we only have ourselves to blame. It is not likely that will happen, but it

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## Police brutality covered by the 'blue veil'

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black associations, and civilian community patrols. He often worked with the police department in attempting to identify those individuals who were selling drugs in the community.

Unfortunately, one day, Arthur Miller dared to try to help his brother find out why he was given a parking ticket. The officer called for reinforcements, and they simply went berserk. There wasn't a camera at the scene of this crime. Nor was there a camera present when hundreds of others were brutalized by the police. Usually, when people have attempted to press charges against these officers, they are met with harassment, intimidation, and what is known as the "blue veil."

They simply cannot get any other officers who may have been present, or witnessed the brutality to speak out, and family members, friends, and activists who follow up on these charges, are threatened.

While we saw some of the officers savagely beating, kicking, and clubbing Rodney King, we saw fellow officers just standing around and watching this attack. There wasn't a single officer who dared to step forward to stop the beating. None of the officers present seemed to appear repulsed or disgusted by the assault. That's the frightening part, how these officers had become so desensitized that even their own individual conscious and morality have apparently been destroyed. A climate has been allowed to fester and grow in the L.A. Police Department, as well as other departments, that says it's all right to treat members of certain communities this way. It is racism, in its ugliest form. And it is allowed to go unchallenged, until you have a major incident like the Rodney King case which comes to light.

If there wasn't someone who had the presence of mind to top the incident taking place, Rodney King would have undoubtedly become just another black man who was the victim of police brutality. Many people would have probably not even have believed his accounting of the incident, and would have incorrectly assumed that Rodney King had

done something wrong. Few would have been willing to get Mr. King the benefit of accepting his word for the truth, over the officers. The media would have assailed him, and made him out to be the criminal and the blame for the officer's insanity. You know it, and so do I. But, alas, the existence of the race, catching the officers clearly out of control and out of their minds.

While we await the outcome of this incident and we should all pray for Mr. King's survival,

### Child Watch...

## We can't keep more babies alive by robbing Peter to pay Paul

by Marian Wright Edelman

When President Bush proposed last month to launch a special effort to fight infant mortality in ten yet unnamed communities, he showed some awareness of this country's shameful record on infant deaths. In 1988 in this country, 10 out of every 1,000 babies born alive died before their first birthday. Nineteen other nations, including Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, and Ireland, have a better record. For black babies, the U.S. performance is even worse. Nearly 18 died for every 1,000 live births. When the infant mortality rate for black babies is compared with the overall rates in other countries, the U.S. ranks 32nd, behind such nations as Hungary, Poland, and Cuba.

It is good news, therefore, that the President wants to do something to improve the survival chances of America's babies. What is both heartbreaking and totally unacceptable is the way he wants to do it.

First, the President's proposed program—called Healthy Start—is far too limited. It wouldn't reach even half of the large cities with infant mortality rates of at least 15 per 1,000 live births. And it completely ignores small cities and rural areas, which have extremely high rates among black babies—the average is more than 21

since his injuries were massive and could still take his life, with police brutality in the issue of police brutality in our own communities. People cannot allow their desire for more action by the police to subvert and apprehend the criminals, to condone any and all actions by officers who are supposed to uphold and enforce the law—not break it!

Most people who are decent law-abiding citizens, are disgusted by the increase in criminal activity in their communities —

and want the police to be empowered to deal with these negative elements. But, that does not mean that people's first amendment rights should be abridged; that doesn't mean that we should abandon the constitution. It shouldn't mean that we condone the actions and behaviors of any individual, or groups who manifest the same conduct of the criminals which we say we detest. To do so, is to support a system which sounds an awful lot like fascism.

death per 1,000 live births in small cities.

Second, President Bush wants to finance Healthy Start by taking money away from some of the most effective maternal and child health programs in the country: the Community and Migrant Health Centers and the Maternal and Child Health Services (MCH) Block Grant.

The health center program, developed at the same time as Head Start, is one of the most successful programs Congress ever enacted. It is designed to bring affordable health care to areas of the country with severe shortages of doctors and health clinics. In 1989 babies born to health center patients accounted for more than 10 percent of all births to low-income women and more than 30 percent of all babies born to girls younger than 15. The MCH Block Grant gives states modest amounts of federal money for maternal and infant health care and services children with serious illnesses or disabilities. Both programs have increased poor families' use of health care dramatically. But both programs already are hurting for funds. The health centers, for example, can serve only about 20 percent of all people living in communities with health care shortages. Taking money away from these critical programs is simply unthinkable.

U.S. Secretary of Health and

Human Services Louis Sullivan says the aim of Healthy Start is to find the best ways to get health care to pregnant women. Then, he says, the most effective methods can be used in other communities. The fact is, the nation already knows what to do to increase health care for pregnant women. We don't lack knowledge. We lack a national commitment to invest enough money in programs that work — programs such as Medicaid, the Community and Migrant Health Centers, MCH, and the National Health Service Corps, which places doctors and nurses in areas where there are shortages. It is partly because we cut the funding for these programs during the 1980s that we have such high infant mortality rates today.

We must make sure our elected representatives understand how tragically important it would be to embrace the President's Healthy Start idea as long as it requires Congress to raid other poor children's health programs for money. Urge your senators and representatives to support special efforts to reduce infant mortality by increasing, not reducing, the funding for existing, proven programs. In our underfunded preventive health care efforts, we won't get ahead by robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

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## CAN'T TOUCH THIS

### Afrikan Threat: Messengers of Power

by Terry Benjamin

Afrikan Threat from Montclair, New Jersey, has secured its place in hip hop history as the first rap duo to speak out Against President Bush's war in the Persian Gulf with the release of their self-produced "Hardcore Against The War." Their debut single also includes "On The Run." This beginning on the Africentric record label promotes their concept of "conscious hip hop to move the masses," making rapper/writer Tobias Simmons and writer/producer Kevin Jones a duo to watch in the 90s.

As they explain it, "the freeing of the minds of one of the richest and most educated people on this earth, Africans in America. The Threat is not about physical confrontation but one of consciousness raising and empowerment through intellectual development."

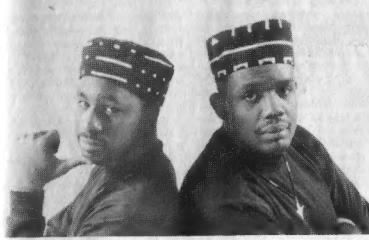
This is not about Rhythm and Blues, it is about Rhythm and News. The Afrikan Threat's music takes a hard look at the many problems we face, poverty, drugs, AIDS, police brutality, etc.—and the possible solutions to them. The fact that all the members of the Afrikan Threat grew up in the Bronx and experienced the energies of the rap era makes them uniquely qualified to deal with the essence of rap and its effects on our people."

They have brought their music to rallies Against the war, live performances in college concerts and on radio programs like the GBE (Global Black Experience) with Imhotep Gary Byrd on WLIB 1190 AM.

We in the hip hop community need to take the responsibility for telling people what's really going on.

**Daddy-O**

from "Can We Drop the Bomb on the White Boy Too? The Hip Hop Nation Speaks Out on the War" by Greg Tate, Village Voice, March 12, 1991, p.31



My brothers and sisters are almost fifty percent of the forces  
Lack of other opportunities are the causes  
Well we know that our society is racially biased  
And when this thing jump off who's the first to die—us!

**Afrikan Threat**

**Hardcore Against The War**  
that's a safe bet. "This run" ends on a note of hard won optimism: "So as long as the blood pumps and the bass drum thumps/I'm a champ and you remain a champ/I'm coolin' in the shade straight on the Equator/ tried before but I told you I'd laugh later/My run is done."  
Afrikan Threat will continue

to produce powerful music because Kevin Jones believes that hip hop fans have been waiting for a new sound that provides a total Afrocentric experience. "Hopefully," says Kevin, "the Afrikan Threat will be at the forefront of this new musical art form and the ancestors, elders, and community will be proud of the finished product."

The most potent hip hop music has come out of rappers who create their music out of a strong personal philosophy, for example check out groups down with the Five Percent Nation like Poor Righteous Teachers, Brand Nubian, or Movement X or soloists like King Sun and Lakim Shabazz. Or even preachers of black nationhood like Public Enemy or Boogie Down Productions. In this regard there is a strong message in the music of Afrikan Threat, especially on "Hardcore Against The War": Americans have to pull together in these hard times.

This is the reasoning and this is the rhyme  
The ghosts control your life, your joy, your destiny  
I'm failing your destiny and the whole nine  
A single parent with a child gets the call from the government  
Now her child doesn't know where his mother went.  
These messengers of power are on a mission, they say "The Afrikan Threat's lyrics are among the most thoroughly researched, informationally correct lyrics that provide in-depth critical analysis of the plight of our people on top of the 'slaminists,' most unique brand of hip hop ever to rock the streets or your event."

## Delta's 29th Annual Scholarship Benefit

NEWARK—Many young northern New Jersey residents, who are high school seniors and college students, will be awarded scholarships by the North Jersey Alumnae of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., on Saturday, April 20, 1991 at the Quality Inn in Newark.

North Jersey Alumnae Chapter, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1989, is the oldest chapter of the public service sorority in the state. Founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University, the sorority has 175,000 members in 874 chapters worldwide.

"Through the hard work and dedication of our membership and the kind generosity of our faithful patrons, we were able to give \$30,100 to 44 students last year," says chapter president Cheryl Whitley Crawford. "Our theme this year is 'Investing in Tomorrow's Leaders Today' and we have tried to do this through financial support as well as moral support by congratulating these young achievers at our annual luncheon, fashion show and card party for the last 29 years."

Further information can be obtained by contacting the chairperson, Mary Woods, at (201) 674-7985.

## HOT program gives students an inside look at health career options

NEW BRUNSWICK—Seventh graders from every New Brunswick public and parochial school participated in a day-long Health Occupations of Tomorrow (HOT) Program held Tuesday, March 26 at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), in New Brunswick.

Nearly 200 youngsters toured the clinical campus of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Many took part in hands-on demonstrations of equipment that health care professionals use in their daily work, including respiratory therapy apparatus, radiology equipment, and a fully-equipped emergency medical services ambulance. Health care

specialists discussed with the students the challenges and rewards of their careers.

Gloria Covino-Stoop, program coordinator, said the purpose of the HOT program is to interest inner-city youth in health care careers. "We wanted to show them that there are many health care careers in addition to medicine and nursing that are within their reach," she said.

The students observed demonstrations of equipment used by staff of the Laurie Magnetic Resonance Imaging Center and visited Making the World Work for Handicapped Babies and Children Program, as well as Child Life, a program that helps children understand what will happen to them during a hospital stay.

## Katzenbach School promotes deaf awareness

TRENTON—Gertrude Gallowsky, superintendent of the state's Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf, has designated March as the school's Deaf Awareness Month to heighten awareness of deaf culture.

The primary mission of the Katzenbach School is to educate its students. But I also want the school to educate the citizens of New Jersey about deafness and serve as a resource center for deaf education," said Gallowsky, who started as head of the school in January.

"If people understand that deafness is a culture, they can begin to understand the unique needs of the deaf especially those needs associated with communication and education," said Gallowsky, the first deaf superintendent in the school's 108-year history.

A highlight of the month's activities at Katzenbach is a Deaf Awareness Morning, 10 to 11:30

a.m., in the school's gymnasium. Featured speakers were as follows: Miss Deaf New Jersey, 22-year old Trinia Schoolcraft, and Stanley Tegar, a deaf adult who will discuss his experiences in a concentration camp during World War II.

The event is the second held at the Katzenbach School this month to promote deaf awareness. On March 12, the staff hosted a demonstration of devices that assist the deaf in daily life, including telecommunications devices for the deaf (TDDs), doorbells equipped with flashing lights and devices that enable deaf parents to know when their babies are crying.

Gallowsky said that because of limited space, anyone interested in attending Deaf Awareness Morning should call David Alexander at (609) 530-3130.

Gertrude Gallowsky is available for interviews. Her telephone number is (609) 530-3100. Her TDD number is (609) 530-6620.

## 4-C's offers programs for Month of the Young Child

Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C), a coordinating agency for child care services in Union County is in the process of locating high schools in Union County that offer child development classes or have play groups or nursery schools on site.

4-C staff members would like the opportunity to speak with students involved in these classes about career opportunities in early childhood.

4-C staff members will make themselves available by high schools during the month of April or during the various "Career Day/High Schools" these schools offer. They will discuss working with infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers in Day Care Centers and Nursery Schools. Early Intervention Programs, being a Family Day Care Provider, a nanny as well as career in Resources and Referral Services and Training.

Interested High Schools and Students can call Ginny Martin at (908) 353-1621.

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FOR SPRING?

Old Business:

Answers to the March 20, 1991

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## MLK Commission essay award winners

TRENTON—The awards ceremony of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission was held at the N.J. State Museum in Trenton, N.J. in the statewide contest numbered over six thousand, with seventeen students emerging as winners. Secretary of State Joan Haberec and Commissioner Janice Williams made the presentation.

For grades 3-5, first place winner was Mary Tamikah Wynn of Bragaw Avenue School in Newark.

For grades 6-8, the winner was Dominick Mondl of North Brunswick.

For grades 9-12, the winner

was Hitesh Rathod of Jersey City. The three first place winners read their essays to the audience and were warmly applauded.

Honorable Mention was received in the grades 6-8 group by Thaddeus Pinckney of Plainfield. Based upon the life of Dr. King, the theme of the essays was "Educational Excellence—the Only Acceptable Standard."

All seventeen winners received letters from Governor Florio and plaques from the Commission whose Executive Director is Pear Beatty.

## 100 jobs for 100 youths

EAST ORANGE—Help is on the way for East Orange youths looking for summer employment. The city administration has designed an innovative summer work program call "JOBS 100" to match young employees with prospective employers in and around the city.

"JOBS 100" will benefit both our community and local businesses by fulfilling two primary goals," said Mayor Cardell Cooper, upon announcing the program. "One, is to provide the minimum of 100 young people with a meaningful summer work experience that aids in their development, and two, to supply East Orange businesses with workers who have basic work place skills and an aptitude for training in specific tasks."

In order to become eligible for the eight week program, participants must complete a mandatory five week basic skills training course. Four three-hour training workshops will begin on Saturday, May 4. Participants can expect to learn about goal setting, employment procedures and general business practices. Beginning April 11, 1991, students aged 16 through 21 years may obtain applications for summer employment on the first floor in City Hall.

JOBS 100 will be administered out of the Mayor's Office of Planning and Community Development. An advisory committee

composed of local businesses and educational leaders in East Orange and the Chamber of Commerce will be responsible for the implementation of program activities and procurement of additional funding for the program's operation.

This year's program will be kicked off at a luncheon hosted by

SPRING IS HERE!  
Spring is the season between winter and summer. Spring began on March 21 and ends on June 21 here in America. On March 21, the sun crossed the equator, or the imaginary line that separates the Northern part of the earth from the Southern part, and starts to move northward. The sun's tilt hit the Northern part of the world more directly and for a longer period of time each day of spring. In the southern part of the world, spring begins in September and ends in December.

Spring is a time of new life. Spring brings the chirp of the birds just returning from their vacations in the south. Trees turn green and flowers bloom with bright colors. In some countries, people have festivals to celebrate spring.

How do you celebrate spring?

## Easter Egg Hunts in Plainfield

The Plainfield Jayces in association with the City of Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring its Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event will take place on Saturday, March 30, 1991 in Cedarbrook Park at 9:00 a.m. sharp. There will be prizes and candy as well as the Easter Bunny. For further information, please contact Claudette Young at 753-3050.

The United Presbyterian Church, 525 E. Front Street, Plainfield, N.J. (908) 756-2666 will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, 1991 from 10:30 am to 11:30 a.m., rain or shine. All children 11 years and under are invited for games, egg hunts, refreshments and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

## Hospital offers children free emergency medical ID

or hearing and visual impairment warrant the use of emergency medical ID, according to Margaret G. Dowd, Medical Alert's regional director. "We hope youngsters with these conditions—and many others—will take advantage of our free offer," Dowd said. "In an emergency, the Medical Alert service will provide emergency personnel with vital patient information needed for prompt diagnosis and treatment," she added.

Medical Alert protection for children includes a bracelet engraved with the wearers primary medical conditions, medications, and a personal ID number. The emblem also includes Medical Alert's toll-free 24-hour hotline phone number. When health care

providers call the hotline, the child's computerized medical data, including physician and family physician, is relayed to them immediately. The service has unlimited updating capability, and also includes a backup wallet card.

Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center is joining physicians and schools throughout the area in this unique program to help medically needy children. Funding for the Children's Campaign was provided by a grant from MeadPath Inc., headquartered in Tebororo, N.J., and from a special charity party benefit held in New York City last fall.

For more information contact the Volunteer Office at Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center at 201-392-3266.

## RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

**NEWARK**—Televised "Sunday Mass" at 7:30 a.m. WWOR-TV 9 by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick. Also seen on Suburban CableVision Channel 32. For information call 201-596-4115.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 8

**NEW YORK**—McDonald's Gospel-Fest preliminaries at Calfrey UPW Baptist Church in Brooklyn. For information call 212-527-8800.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

**NEW YORK**—McDonald's Gospel-Fest preliminaries at First Church of Christ in Queens. For information call 212-527-8800.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

**SUMMIT**—First Unitarian Society will hold "Vespers for Peace" services at First Church in Summit. For information call 201-756-0750.

### SATURDAY, MAY 19

**NEW YORK**—McDonald's Gospel-Fest semi-final competition at Antioch Baptist Church in Harlem. For information call 212-527-8800.

### SUNDAY, MAY 19

**PLAINFIELD**—First Unitarian Society will hold "Vespers for Peace" services at 4 p.m., 724 Park Avenue. For information call 201-756-0750.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 18

**PRINCETON**—First Unitarian Society will hold "Vespers for Peace" services at 4 p.m., 50 Cherry Hill Road. For information call 201-527-8800.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 14

**NEW YORK**—McDonald's Gospel-Fest final competition and concert at Antioch Baptist Church. For information call 212-527-8800.

## National Drug Conference brings churches, groups together

WASHINGTON, DC (NPA)—The magnitude of the U.S. drug problem is no better illustrated than by the startling fact that more Americans died on the streets of Washington, DC in 1990 than in the Persian Gulf War which involved 1,000,000 troops in land, air and sea combat.

Such facts continue to fan fears that we could lose an entire generation of youth to drug abuse. Yet, despite such fears, some church and community leaders say the war on drugs can be won, and they are pressing forward with major plans to resolve the problem.

"We can win this war," stated the Rev. Susan Taylor of the Church of Scientology. "We simply have to decide to win it, and then move with determination, cooperation and resolve. Everyone must get involved," she stressed, "from all sectors of society. If we do this, victory is as good as ours."

The Church of Scientology is the coordinator for the National Lead the Way to a Drug Free USA Campaign. Lead the Way recently held its first annual drug conference in Washington, DC with the

theme "Youth and the Future."

During the conference, Robert Armstrong, Special Assistant for the Mayor's Office for Drug Control Policy in Philadelphia, outlined the innovative PEARL program which has been implemented in Philadelphia. (PEARL is an acronym for Prevention, Education, Action, Rehabilitation and Law Enforcement.)

"The primary goal of PEARL," Armstrong told the attendees, is the taking back of our neighborhoods from the invidious ravages of drug trafficking and returning them to those law-abiding residents who wish to live in a safe, healthy, productive and drug-free environment."

Other speakers, representing anti-drug organizations from around the country, included Harold Lakey, Virginia State Coordinator of NARCONON; Ray Cassano from OFF LIMITS in St. Louis; Ron Clark, Executive Director of RAP, Inc. in Washington, DC; and Robert Brown, Deputy Director of the National Anti-Drug Campaign of the Congress of Na-

tional Black Churches.

Lead the Way is a national coalition comprised of many different individuals and organizations, including churches, community groups, attorneys, civic leaders, drug rehabilitation and government officials who are dedicated to winning the war on drugs.

"The purpose of Lead the Way," stated Bob King, a local elected official in Washington and Lead the Way Advisory Board member, "is to bring together people who are active in the war on drugs to share workable solutions and actions. It's to bring people that have questions and problems together with people who have answers and solutions."

In explaining the Church of Scientology's involvement, Rev. Taylor noted that the Scientology Church has traditionally stressed the necessity of drug-free living as part of its "unique pastoral counseling program designed to raise spiritual awareness, integrity, and deepened understanding of one's personal relationship to God. We simply wanted to expand our efforts in the anti-drug arena."

## Newark drug prevention program takes part in Get High On Life teleconference

**NEWARK**—The Newark Adult-Youth Drug Prevention Volunteer Partnership Program (New DAY) sponsored by Simmons Scholarship and Community Service Corporation hosted its part in the nation-wide Interactive Teleconference titled "Get High on Life," on Tuesday, March 12, at the Bergen Street School in Newark. The satellite site was secured with the support of Eugene Campbell, Superintendent of Newark Schools, and the City Cable Company. Twenty-one partner organizations and individuals from the public and private sector shared in the viewing and the interactive segment of the "Get High on Life" program on Channel 52.

Dr. Schuster, renowned re-



(From L to R Front Row) M. Curry, Facilitator; C. Knox, Sheriff's Office; P. Joyner, Joyner & Joyner; G.G. Foushee, Sheriff's Office; G. Dickerson, president, NJ State Opera Guild; M. Nicholas, V. principal Outman; D. Bernard, Essex County Sheriff's Office; A. Fortuna, Essex County Sheriff; G. Coleman, Director, Newark Police; T. D'Alessio, Essex County executive; J. Shickelford, volunteer; and M. Gobb, principal, Morris St.

searcher in psychopharmacology, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, provided his expertise during the interactive portion of the teleconference. Two questions were directed to Dr. Schuster from the New Day site at Bergen Street school in Newark. The first, by Rev. Perry Simmons, Jr., President of Newark Board of Education, was, "According to the research and statistics you've (Dr. Schuster) done, what would you envision as the ideal model of a drug prevention and education program for a heavily populated urban community, serving the needs of 5-18 year olds?"

Dr. Schuster's answer encompassed the essence of what, in fact, the Newark Adult-Youth Drug Prevention Partnership Program strives to be. A program made up of community organizations, churches, private companies, parents, and schools, that supports continuous programs on an ongoing basis to youngsters before,

during, after school, and on the weekends.

The second question by Detective G.G. Foushee, Essex County Sheriff's Office, addressed an area of treatment for unborn babies prior to their delivery by heroin-addicted parents. Dr. Schuster cited "methadone" as the most effective way to manage this type of substance abusing mother, with the goal of the treatment focusing on the mother being drug free by delivery.

All participants invited to the Interactive Teleconference, completed a "pre" and "post" test relative to substance abuse. The tests were forwarded to Satellite Wellness Action Network.

The New Day program, a community based drug education and prevention program located in Newark's Central Ward, was honored to be selected as one drug education and prevention program cited from across the country, to participate in the "Get High on

## Modular AIDS Project, a new addition to the United Complex

Groundbreaking has begun for the construction of a new Modular AIDS Project at United Hospitals Medical Center in Newark. It was announced by Bernard Dickens, Sr., President and CEO of the hospital.

The modular building is an extended treatment and service center for HIV positive patients and their families in the Children's Hospital AIDS Program (CHAP) as well as a research center. The three story building to be erected in the hospital's former "A" parking lot will house a pharmacy, counseling rooms, patient waiting areas, a playroom and examination and treatment rooms on the first floor, conference rooms, offices and workstations on the second floor, and a maternal and child health program on the third floor. The national pediatric AIDS resource center currently located in United Hospitals will also occupy space in the new building, which will be 7,500 square feet. It is expected to be completed by August 1, 1991.

Both state and federal grants, including a maternal and child health bureau grant award, and the United Hospitals Medical Center Foundation are funding the project expected to cost just under 1 million dollars.

The new AIDS care and treatment center will provide outpatient services for allergy, immunology and infectious diseases. Currently the CHAP program services between 30-40 patients per week and provides over 300 children per year with follow-up care and treatment. The modular unit will allow for more services and for more patients to receive care.

"With the new resource center we hope to continue to effectively track patients and provide the care necessary for children and their families not only in Newark but throughout the state," said Mary Boland, RN, Director of CHAP.

The modular project will house the CHAP program until construction is completed on the new Children's Hospital of New Jersey to be located on the campus of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) at which time United Hospitals' business office will relocate from the 89 Park Ave. facility to the modular building.

## Family-aid agency bids for your support

Newark Emergency Services for Families is sponsoring its seventh annual fund-raising auction. The event will be held Tuesday, April 30, 1991, 4:00 p.m. at the Mutual Benefit Life Building in the Pelican Room. This auction is the major benefit for the group, which provides emergency counseling, financial aid and other assistance to families in need.

Auction 91 entitled "Passport to Adventure," will feature travel and leisure products and services. This is where your donation and support are solicited. The kind of items donated are round trip air fare to the islands, concert and opera tickets, bed and breakfast reservations, dinner dates and much more. Donations of items or services related to travel and leisure will be accepted and appreciated.

NESF has helped over 70,000 people in the last 13 years. The major beneficiary of auction proceeds will be families in crisis. To donate or find out more call (201) 645-5727.

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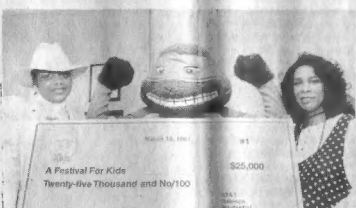
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## Plainfield Festival for Kids



Patricia Fields Davidson, of AT&T along with Diane DesPlantes, coordinator of the Plainfield Festival Program hold check representing donations by corporations.

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sensory stimulation center, a "junior freeway" for tricycles and many more treats for youngsters," she stated.

The Festival will feature a neighborhood with old fashioned store fronts, offering local merchants an opportunity to promote their products and services. It will also have a "Nearby New Boutiques" with children's clothing, furniture and toys, and is expected to raise funds for Plainfield High School's

Teen Parenting Program—a program additionally designed to help young parents finish high school and prevent additional unwanted pregnancies.

Both Mayor Mitchell and Dr. Kearney pointed out that funding is still being sought to support the festival. Already pledging support are AT&T, Prudential, Nabisco, and PSE&G.

For additional information on how to participate call the Festival Hotline (201) 761-1114 or the Mayor's Office at (908)753-3310.

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Citizens, must understand that our people are beaten everyday by the police and corrections officers in our own cities and penal institutions.

The police, who are paid with our tax dollars, regularly beat on U.S. Citizens when they are taken into custody or approached on the street. You may hear a youth talking about an instance of police brutality as routinely as he may talk about a new movie. This practice is condoned by officers on all levels of the police echelon. The brutality is usually practiced on young black American males. The practice causes them to lose faith in our legal system.

President Bush talks about putting Saddam Hussein on trial for what he calls war crimes. There seems to be a double standard in effect. Why isn't President Bush concerned with the numerous cases of police brutality in the United States? Saddam Hussein is being called a war criminal for allegedly doing to American P.O.W.'s what U.S. police forces do to American Citizens. Beating those you should be protecting is never right.

Shawn R. Hines  
Newark, NJ

## Mayor Cooper, keep up the good work

Dear Editor,  
Thank you for publishing Mayor Cordell Cooper's State of

East Orange Address.

It shows that he is not just sitting behind the desk enjoying the luxury of his office with his legs across the desk rocking back in the comfort of the chair, but he is getting out into the community meeting the people and observing the neighborhood to make the city a better place to live.

As a newcomer in the area, there have been deplorable things around where the low income people reside. They do not seem to care about the environment, themselves and others.

If all mayors would get out and ride around these vacant lots [and], housing units to see how these trash, bottles, papers are making the City look; then maybe they will contract a company to clean up the mess.

It is appalling to see men and women begging on the streets; when they can get assistance, but too lazy to stand in line. Help is being given to the homeless and people who don't want to work. Some just want money to get dope, a bottle of wine or whiskey.

Out of all the churches that are in the same street, they will not go to attend, but take their dope and drink their alcohol right at the doorsteps and throw the bottle down at the door. No regards for "Holy Ground."

I say to this Mayor Cordell Cooper, "Keep up the good works, and write more articles like that, and hopefully the message will get over to the street people."

Atward B. Brunson  
Newark, NJ  
P.S. Maybe a demolition squad should be hired to demolish old buildings.



## BILLBOARD

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

**JERSEY CITY**—Black Maria Film and Video Festival Tour at 7 p.m. in Media Arts Building of Jersey City State College. For information call 201-547-5453.

**NEW YORK**—Just a Night Out at the Eubie Roca Musical Theatre, 1 E. 104th Street through April 21. For information call 212-255-4594.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

**KEYPORT**—The Kingmen Motorcycle Club presents the Greatest Show in Town with the world's greatest showman Larry O'Neil. Also supporting are Valerie Adams, Sam Manigaults Duo and Mr. Lucilla. Two shows 10 and 12 p.m. at Majors Lounge, 215 Atlantic Street. Tickets in advance \$10 at the door \$12. Contact any Kingmen member for information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

**NEWARK**—Sweet Honey in the Rock at Essex County College at 8 p.m. Information call 201-242-9500.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**TRENTON**—Sweet Honey in the Rock at War Memorial 8 p.m. Information call 201-242-9500.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Sweet Honey in the Rock at State Theatre, 8 p.m. Information call 201-242-9500.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

**NEW YORK**—Passion at American Theatre of Actors, 314 W. 54th Street, New York. Information call 212-993-0070 or 212-429-8416.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

**NEWARK**—Newark Community of the Arts dance workshops at fourth floor space Symphony Hall. \$3. Information call 201-642-0133.

**PLAINFIELD**—The "It's a Small World" Kings' Daughters Day School photo exhibits open at the Plainfield Public Library.

**PLAINFIELD**—The Arsenio Spring Concert will be performed at the Plainfield Public Library at Park Avenue and West Street. Admission is free.

**PLAINFIELD**—African-American Art Exhibition and Sale and a special signing by Isaacson artist James Fennell at the Plainfield Public Library, 721 W. 8th Street. Information call (201) 688-7725.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

**WESTFIELD**—The Westfield Symphony Orchestra presents Mozart Don Giovanni at the Presbyterian Church. For information call 201-232-6040.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

**NEWARK**—Newark Community of the Arts dance workshops at fourth floor space Symphony Hall. \$3. Information call 201-642-0133.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

**PLAINFIELD**—Echoes of Eltington at Grant Avenue Community Center, 407 W. 7th St. through May 5. Information call 908-561-1223.

## 'Stamping, Shouting and Singing' at ECC

The Mary Burch Theatre presents the play "Stamping, Shouting and Singing Home" by Lisa Evans. Opening night will be Thursday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. The play is about the life of Sojourner Truth, Abolitionist. A collaboration between students of Essex County College, N.J.I.T. and Rutgers U. (Newark), the play is scheduled to run for two weekends with a special performance for schools on Thursday, April 11 at 11 a.m. The other dates are April 5, 12, 13 at 7:30 p.m. and an April 14 matinee at 3 p.m.

For ticket reservations and further information, call (201) 877-4425.

## NAACP chief speaks out

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forms and sidearms further intimidating those who are already fearful of them," said Jones.

"Police officers just like civilians must have deterrents against abusing their authority to carry weapons and controlling individuals," Jones said. "Only a few officers have been sentenced for this type; therefore it is the perception that the police can do anything without any ramifications. Until they (police) know that they will be punished like anyone else, the type of brutality we are witnessing now will continue."

# CITY LIFE

## Kansas City's own Oleta Adams gets there the hard way

by April Eugene

Musically speaking, the bright spot of 1990 was the release of Oleta Adams' debut album, *Circle Of One*, on Polygram Records. This album marked the coming of age of a singer/pianist who has been making a name for herself in the Midwest over the past 20 years. Despite her regional success, it took Tears For Fears to provide her with national recognition. They heard her when they toured and were so overwhelmed by her performance, that they asked her to join their album, *Secrets Of Love*. She sings on "Woman In Chains" and "Bad-man's Song." Prior to this guest appearance, Adams was mainly singing R&B and Jazz. However, on "Bad-man's Song" they brought out the rock 'n' roll in her. "There's a mixture of Jazz and R&B in that song as well," adds Adams. She gives the piano riff a gospel feeling. "It's like mixing a slow," continues Adams. "That's why they hired me because they wanted to bring out that (gospel/soul) element to their music. I was happy to do it because it was right up my alley. Nothing I did for them was foreign to me because musically, I've been versatile all my life."

Adams' early background was in the church. Her father was a Baptist minister and was not too thrilled by her choice to go the secular music route. She trained as a lyric soprano and since then has sung every type of music. "I even sing a little country on the set of I have to. When you work in the clubs you have to do what's going to keep the people drinking," adds Adams.

She started playing the club circuit in Washington and has since played everywhere from Alaska to the east coast and says it was her ability to play the piano that got her through the rough times. "I had to eat," reflects

Adams. "I knew I wanted to sing to people. Singing on a local level is still singing to people. These are the same people who will pay more for a ticket to hear you in a concert hall. I was at the top of my league and was treated very well."

Like most artists, Adams experienced some trying times in her career. "There was a lean period," continues Adams, "86 to '87 (right before Tears For Fears contacted her) were the toughest years. In '86 I went to an unemployment agency (under an assumed name) but I wasn't qualified to do anything. I just kept working and praying." She ended up getting a piano bar job in St. Louis. "The gigs got scarce but I didn't give up," says Adams. "I was playing in St. Louis five hours a night, six nights a week." The bar was adjacent to a shopping mall and the (mall) customers would stop and listen to her. "Sometimes I'd finish a song and there would be this thunderous applause behind me. People would give me a hard time. Fortunately, I was able to make enough money to pay my bills. It was a lot of hard work. I showed through my actions that I was willing to just try; to keep going."

Money is no problem for Adams now. Her first single "Rhythm of Life" was well received and "Get Here" has brought her the attention of many more people. "Get Here" (first recorded by Brenda Russell) is dedicated to the troops.

Other noteworthy songs from *Circle Of One* include "I've Got A Right," "Will We Ever Learn," "I've Got To Sing My Song," and "You've Got To Give Me Room." She wrote the gospel tinged "I've Got To Sing My Song" for her father to understand her widening musical interests. "You've Got To Give Me Room" speaks of African-American pride gone bad and includes traces of Barbara Streisand. "It's the way I wrote the song that reminds you of Streisand. I'm a great fan of

hers. I love her particular discipline."

Adams can be described as a singer's singer. Anita Baker praised her on a recent Oprah Winfrey

show as one of the best new artists on the scene. Winfrey has also praised Adams and included her on a show featuring new artists.

Adams says she will not be touring in support of this album (although she did tour on a few Tears For Fears early 1990 dates in England). She wants to get another album under her belt so she will have more to offer the audience. She sings with heartfelt emotion. Her music has a sobering effect on all that it touches. "God gave me a talent that turns a lot of people on. Sometimes you need to teach people how to get along with each other, how to love, we're still trying to get it right. That's what this

album is all about," explains Adams.

Adams has been compared to other black female singers (Anita Baker, Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight) and looks at this as a compliment. "That's because we're all black and have that gospel background. A black female singer who gets the attention of the public is always going to be compared to other singers, if for no other reason than a lack of creativity on the listener's part," states Adams.

I took this opportunity to ask Ms. Adams about the lack of creativity on the American music scene in lieu of the British invasion. Since she was discovered by an English pop group (Tears For

Fears) I felt she may have some views on this subject: "A lot of artists have gone over there to get their break. Chaka Khan lives over there now. They don't have the wealth of black female artists over there. They're into another thing. When they play soul music you hear a lot of reggae."

Adams says that she may appear on the new Tears For Fears album. Since they only record about every five years, that album is still a few years away. In addition, Roland Orzabal (the Tears For Fears member who was involved in the production of her debut album) will probably work on Adams' future recordings. Adams is a star on the rise; a voice to become familiar with for she'll be around for a while.

## Spelman Jazz Ensemble, a hit in Newark

by Freddie Robinson

**NEWARK**—The Spelman College Jazz Ensemble performed at Essex County College, Saturday, March 16, captivating an audience of more than 200. Among the apparently receptive and pleased audience seated in the Mary B. Butch Theatre were Spelman College's president, Johnetta B. Cole, and her husband Arthur J. Robinson; also present was Brooklyn, NY Assemblyman Albert Vann, whose daughter Binta is a Spelman freshman and one of Ensemble's featured vocalists.

On stage there was an air of assuredness all about the 19 young African-American instrumentalists and

vocalists; their performance of classics such as George Gershwin's "A Foggy Day"; Duke Ellington's "Take the A Train"; and Miles Davis' "All Blues," drew whoops and rapturous applause from the largely mature crowd.

It was called the Ensemble's debut in the tri-state metropolitan area. This first concert was presented, in a co-sponsorship, by the Northern New Jersey Spelman Club and Sony Music Entertainment, Inc.

Ms. Cole, too, is a first—21st century role model for women everywhere. In 1987 she became the first woman appointed president of the nation's largest and oldest institution of higher education for African-American women.

Speaking of the all-female performers, "Spelman Jazz Ensemble is an example of the defusing in a definitely way of a burdensome stereotype," she said.

Janette Faucette Brummett, the Chapter's president, warmly welcomed the mixed audience of alumnus. Ensemble members' relatives from the tri-state metropolitan area and Spelman's boosters. She read a proclamation from Newark Mayor Sharpe James to the Northern New Jersey Chapter. "For its contribution of art and culture to Newark."

The Northern NJ Spelman Club has an ongoing scholarship fund. Inquiries may be addressed to: NNJSC, P.O. Box 798, South Orange, NJ 07079.

## RADIOSCOPE...THE COLUMN

TOP STORIES: JASMINE GUY'S OTHER TALENT

M.C. HAMMER GETS HIS OWN DOLL

CARTOONS...THE NEXT HORIZON FOR ARSENIO HALL

From Bailey Broadcasting Services Via Serra Syndication

**The Dual Career Of Jasmine Guy:** Although most people know her as the snooty Whitley Gilbert of the NBC-TV hit comedy, "A Different World," Jasmine Guy is making quite a musical name for herself. Her debut single, the funky "Try Me," produced by Full Force, put her in the R&B top twenty and now Jasmine is dancing up the charts again with the tune, "Another Like My Love." With that, Guy, the tiny Southern belle queen of Thursday nights, has proved to many that she has the juice to make it to the top of the black music charts. Ja...Jin is glad her music career is starting to gain some credibility. Although she likes acting and is not in any hurry to give it up, she feels the success of her debut single, "Try Me," is just the first step of what's yet to come. The real Jasmine is a stark companion to the character Whitley that she portrays on a "Different World." While Whitley is vain and selfish, a lot of people think Jasmine is just the same, and are pleased to find that this is hardly the case. However, whether you're a fan of Jasmine Guy or of her alter ego, Whitley Gilbert one thing's for sure she's a lady who's definitely coming into her own both as a singer as well as an actress. Who knows what she'll do next...**From the P.P.T. (People, Places & Things) File:** M.C. Hammer's already got shoe and soft drink endorsements blaring over the television. Now he's got a doll too! That's right you can touch the new 12-inch buggly pants wearing Hammer doll from Mattel Toys, starting this September. That's if your will be selling to shell out the \$25 bucks it will cost you to have a little bit of M.C. Hammer all to yourself. Oh, just in case you were wondering how M.C. Hammer fits into Barbie land, he's being introduced as Ken's "celebrity friend." And if you think M.C. Hammer's getting his own doll might not seem like such a big deal, think again. When's the last time you can recall that a black man was made into a doll designed for the market at large? Mattel is finally getting hip because in addition to the Hammer doll they're starting the Shani line, three Barbie sized fashion dolls with authentic African-American facial features, skin tone, and clothing styles. First year, following a big advertising campaign sales of Mattel's Black Barbie and her friend Christie, sales doubled. And the Beverly Johnson doll, patterned after the black supermodel was a big seller too. The Shani dolls will cost about \$20 dollars and are also due September...**Back to Hollywood,** now that Arsenio Hall's gotten Na People's party machine off the ground he's working on his next TV project "Cleveland City Limits." It'll be a prime-time sitcom cartoon featuring the rotund Chunky A. Arsenio introduced the world to his alter-ego one years ago on the "Large and In Charge" album. Now Chunky A. looks like the kind of guy who could put away a pizza or two and three, but he won't be getting any from a joke called "Arsenio's Pizza." Arsenio's suing them because they're allegedly using his name without his permission. The pizza parlor, owned by Mazan Rabah and Steven Fenker, is located in Hall's hometown of Cleveland, Ohio. Aside from barring Ralph and Fenker from using the name, the lawsuit is asking the court for all profits from the business, as well as unspecified damages. I guess Arsenio's found out first hand that some people have no scruples when it comes to making a buck...**Feedback Line:** Want to know what's the deal with the television soap opera, "Generations"? Well, so too did Tony Marshall, from Cleveland, Ohio. For those of you who don't get to see much daytime TV, "Generations," was a highly touted NBC soap opera that featured Black actors and actresses in leading roles right along side the usual white leads. It was canceled because of low ratings and the last show aired on January 25th. Last we heard, NBC Entertainment group chairman Brandon Tartikoff said that BET, syndication companies, and cable channels were interested in picking up the show. But so far nothing's been finalized. As soon as something happens we'll let you know...In the meantime, got a question or a comment on any RadioScope story? Just call the Feedback Line at (213) 257-2354.

## Black Eagles soar at MTC

**NEW YORK**—MTC presents the New York premiere of Leslie Lee's *Black Eagles*, the story of the Tuskegee Airmen, from April 2 through May 19 at Manhattan Theatre Club Stage I at City Center. The play is presented in association with the Crossroads Theatre Company and will be directed by their Artistic Director, Ricardo Khan. Khan and Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., a former Tuskegee Airman and the president of Bronx Community College, helped conceive the play along with playwright Leslie Lee. The cast includes Graham Brown, Brian Evagret Chandler, Illeana Douvart, Milton Elliott, Larry Green, Michael Barry Green, Reggie Montgomery, David Rainey, Raymond Anthony Thomas and Scott Whitehurst.

*Black Eagles* tells the story of America's first black fighter pilots and their twofold battle against racism and racism at the time. The play opens at a 1989 reception honoring General Colin Powell, the first African American to hold the position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's highest military honor. As the agingirmen reminisce, they are transported back to 1944 Italy when they were young and eager to prove themselves to a skeptical military establishment.

## As I See It

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could and all the euphoria we felt about finally electing a black congressman would go down the drain.

Instead of landing a glittering array of local and national speakers before us for five days, the next BIC convention should be devoted to a study of practical politics.

BIC leaders need not be afraid of educating the masses. It is doubtful too many enlightened activists will opt to run for public

office.

Political power ain't what it used to be. We used to joke about the head wearing the crown being uneasy. In today's world it's a fact. I don't believe that, as David Dinkens or for that matter Jim Florio.

Both are men of good intention, trying to do the right thing and slowly learning that in 1990 having the courage of one's conviction is not enough in the political arena.

# CITY BUSINESS

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

**NEWARK**—Thomas J. D'Allesio, Essex County Executive and members of his cabinet are featured in a Breakfast Issue Forum at the Holiday Inn North at Newark Airport at 8:30 a.m. For information, contact Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce.

**CRAINFORD**—Union County College will conduct a Criminal Justice Career Night featuring speakers from various law enforcement divisions at 6:30 p.m. on the Cranford Campus. For information call 799-5566.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

**SOMERVILLE**—Leases & Limitations - The Changing role of Banks will be covered at the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Conference Room at 8 a.m. For information call 908-725-1552.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

**NEWARK**—The Small Business Administration along with the Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a trade conference entitled "Export Matchmaker Conference '91," at the Radisson Hotel. For more information, call 201-645-6264.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**ENGLEWOOD**—Empowerment of African Americans Through Entrepreneurship sponsored by the Coalition of 100 Black Women, Bergen/Passaic Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Bergen County African American Chapter. Small Business workshop from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Englewood. For information call 833-2571.

## Kuwait reconstruction

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groundwork which includes developing specific goals and objectives relative to what a business can offer to representatives of the Kuwait government.

Senator Brown advised any business interested in participating in Third World Country development should approach companies presently doing business to assess needs. Senator Brown was also concerned that small businesses and individuals who have expressed interest in Kuwait should not expect an immediate response to their outreach efforts. The process of reconstruction is just beginning for many of the larger corporations, and the process itself will take place in specific phases.

One of the general contracting firms, Halebach Industries, stated that they have been contacting all numbers in the local newspapers as well as phone connections as offered by Senator Brown. They have two weeks to no avail. If not busy signals, answering machines, if not answering machines, they are told all jobs are filled. They also noted that March 15 was the deadline for letters of expressed interest.

Rogers Construction firm, also out of Morristown, emphasized what they saw as a need for representatives to Senator Brown—to assist small businesses in accessibility to those companies that will provide reconstruction expertise to Kuwait, as well as other developing countries.

The response from the business group to Senator Brown's suggestion relative to the need for establishing relationships with larger firms who are involved in the international scene was one of hesitation and skepticism.

Many of the businesses represented have, at some point in time, made contact with major firms in regard to local contracts only to find that monies have been issued and the process of continued avoidance occurs. One prime example from several of the construction/general contracting firms represented was the Waste Water Treatment plant development. It was made clear that many of the minority businesses felt the system did not work where they were concerned. Therefore, there was little expectation that the "networking" idea with larger firms regarding the Kuwait Reconstruction issue would work. The problem is while the small businesses are establishing "relationships" with the larger firms, the larger firms are making the money. Once the relationship is established—if

## SBA's Pass System to improve firms chances for Kuwait contracts

**NEWARK**—The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is gearing up its Procurement Automated Source System (PASS) to help small companies obtain contracts for reconstruction projects in Kuwait. SBA Administrator Susan Engleleiter said today.

"Small businesses can substantially improve their chances to secure reconstruction work in Kuwait by listing their company profiles in PASS system," Engleleiter said. "PASS puts small businesses on a widely available list of companies interested in prime and subcontractors."

Engleleiter also urged large companies planning to compete for Kuwait reconstruction contracts to use PASS as a source to find experienced, capable small business contractors available for subcontracts.

"When government procurement officials go looking for subcontractors or for small business sources or to develop bidder lists for Kuwait reconstruction projects, PASS is where they should look first," she said.

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which businesses can indicate interest in Kuwait-related work.

The SBA also is taking steps to provide PASS information directly to prime contractors and assigning a procurement specialist to the Department of Commerce's Gulf Reconstruction Center.

The Department of Commerce's Gulf Reconstruction Center can be reached at (202) 377-5767.

Small businesses that need applications to enter the PASS directory should call the SBA directory containing detailed Profiles of more than 210,000 small businesses interested in government Prime and subcontracts.

Company profiles are "on-line" in the PASS computers in the fields of research and development, manufacturing, construction and services. Company searches can be made according to ownership profiles, which tell subcontractive buyers whether the businesses listed are owned by minorities, women or veterans.

Engleleiter said the SBA is printing new PASS application forms that will have a space in

Answer Desk (1-800-U-ASK-SBA). Large businesses that need access to the system to search for subcontractors should call the

SBA Office of Procurement Assistance at (202) 205-6469. Engleleiter warned that getting listed in PASS will not assure that re-

construction contracts will be forthcoming, and urged businesses to continue to seek contracts through other sources.

## Business Exchange

### Civil Rights Bill

An Economic Commentary for African-Americans

by William Reed

The business of America is "Big Business." Big Business in America is the nation's biggest body of institutional racism. In regards to equality for blacks and equity in their industries, what Big Business wants to do is keep "business as usual" and has directed George Bush to "stay steady on the course" in maintaining the American System.

In contrast to the "stay the course" business of Bush and Big Business, the business of Blacks in America will have to be a process that uses every bit of our consumer and political leverage to illustrate that we are tired of getting wooden nickles from the White House, Madison Avenue and Wall Street. If we begin taking care of business we will let the Commander-in-Chief know that although we cooperated in a war, from which we accrued no benefits, we will not surrender to an entrenched system that he, and the Top Brass of the Fortune 500, know is institutionally racist.

Last year, before The War, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1990. But President Bush vetoed the bill citing that it "imposes new burdens on employers by causing them to create hiring and promotion quotas" to protect themselves from lawsuits. Blacks should make it their business to communicate that Bush's

stance does not discount that a system of discrimination exists in American Business, only that they don't want to pay more than wooden nickles to maintain American Apartheid.

President Bush's position on the Civil Rights Bill is based on the advice and lobbying impact of the Fair Employment Coalition. The Coalition is composed of over 250 of America's biggest businesses, and they oppose the civil rights legislation with a passion. Throughout congressional hearings, the Fair Employment Coalition has funded Washington's most expensive and experienced lobbyists, and they could use well-established tactics and arguments to defeat the civil rights requests that run counter to the wishes of Big Businesses in America. Rather than take any moral, or just, position to support fairness in the workplace for minorities, they would prefer to keep the Institutional System firmly in place.

All indications are that the Congress will pass Civil Rights II. But based on the testimony of Bush aide, Assistant Attorney General John Dunne before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, the President will again veto the legislation when it hits his desk. Under the existing system, that Bush and Big Business seek to maintain, if "people of color" allege discrimination in the workplace, the burden of proof is on the offended

and the employer is not made to defend against such claims.

The reality of our System of Institutional Racism is that the "person of color" has to present, and prove, his/her claim of discrimination to scores of unsympathetic white men in the boardrooms and courts. Our burden of proof is to show one white man that another white man (probably of the first one's choosing) "done one wrong." However, under the code of the present System, neither of the white man (number 1 nor number 2), will admit in public debate that the reason for black incomes being only 70 percent of whites, and black unemployment being double that of whites, or that the inferior services, health care, housing, education and opportunities we receive are because of the nation's system of institutional racism.

While Bush and Big Business continue to illustrate that they prefer the Status Quo, the business of Black America should be to let them know that we will not idly surrender to the System. The current chances for black advancement in Big Business stinks, and we should let the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (202-463-5600), the National Association of Manufacturers (202-637-3000) and Bush (202-456-1410) know that the signing and positive application of the Civil Rights Act is a meager first-step toward getting rid of a national system of inequity, that we know, and they know, exists.

## Women business owners meet

The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO), Middlesex Chapter, will hold a dinner meeting, Monday, April 1, at the Hyatt in New Brunswick. The program will feature round table workshops/discussions on issues affecting business owners in the 90s. Topics will include Marketing Strategies led by Consuelo Valera Iola and Carolyn Hoskins; Recent Changes in Law that Affect Women led by Attorney Arlene Reiter partner in the New Brunswick firm of Kahn, Reiter and Madlin; Computer Updates for your Business led by Barbara Barinas of PC Partner; and Prioritizing Your Time and Projects.

A pre-meeting seminar on Public Relations: "The Press Release - How to take advantage of 'Free' advertising" will be conducted from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. The discussion leader will be Ellen Silverman, owner and president of Ellen Silverman Advertising in East Brunswick.

The meeting is open to the public. Cost \$22 for members; \$25 for non-members. For reservations and information call Della Menesichella, AAM Chem Dry of Middlesex, 201-985-6512.

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## PUBLIC HEARING

on the proposed increase for taxicab rates  
in the City of Newark

The Municipal Council invites Newark residents and other interested parties to attend this hearing to express their views and concerns, and to seek information on a proposal to increase taxicab rates from the City of Newark and Newark International Airport to other communities. The hearing will be:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1991

12 NOON, or as soon thereafter as practical

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
CITY HALL, 920 BROAD STREET  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

All persons wishing to speak at the hearing will be allowed to do so for a maximum of five minutes each. All speakers must pre-register with the City Clerk, Room 304, City Hall, no later than 24 hours before the date and time of the hearing. A copy of the proposed rates is available for inspection in the City Clerk's Office, Room 306, City Hall, Newark, during normal business hours.

By Direction of the Municipal Council  
RALPH J. GRANT, JR., President

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Copies of specifications and contract documents for this Residential Rehabilitation project (Application #462) are open to inspection in the Department of Community Development and Inspections, Municipal Building, Room 105, Bloomfield, N.J., and may be secured from said office. This project will involve the following work and/or trades:

A. Roofing  
B. Exterior Painting

Bids must be made on proposal forms and must be enclosed in sealed, specially addressed envelopes bearing the title, Residential Rehabilitation Department of Community Development and Inspections, Township of Bloomfield accompanied by the Application Number. The address of the bidder and work bid upon, must be delivered at the above place at the time designated. Bids not enclosed in specially addressed envelopes will be considered informal and will not be opened.

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NEW JERSEY TRANSIT encourages minority based organizations to apply for equipment under the Section 16(b)(2) Program. Those private non-profit organizations wishing to receive an application can request an application by writing:

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT  
Office of Special Services  
P.O. Box 10009  
Newark, New Jersey 07101  
Attn: Bob Koska

Eligible organizations may request an application by telephone by calling (201) 643-4842.

The closing date for New Jersey Transit to accept applications is April 19, 1991.

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Proposed forms of contract documents, including specifications are available at the office of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, PURCHASING DIVISION, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103, Telephone No. 430-2351. Invitation No. NHA 02761.

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# CITY SPORTS

## From the Sidelines

### On Bo, NCAA Final Four

by Fern Taylor

Bo knows meat slabs. He's being treated like one.

In the eyes of big business, he is like a prime slab of meat that can be readily discarded once the "prime" leaves the slab.

This Birmingham, Alabama-bred African-American prime-time super athlete has a hip injury that threatens both his All-Star baseball and All-Pro football careers. The injury is said to hinder the flow of blood to the hip bone. He is still on crutches over two months after his injury was sustained in a seemingly harmless tackle in the L.A. Raiders first playoff game.

Because of his injury, the Kansas City Royals decided to place him on waivers. "A hard business decision," they said, looking to save \$2 million dollars in salary payments. We saw how hard that business decision hit Bo

when he had to say his last tearful goodbyes to his teammates.

Dropped, like a slab of meat. Can you blame the players for insisting on guaranteed contracts for as much as the market will bear? A career ending injury is always right around the corner.

For an athlete like Bo, this type of situation could be mentally and physically devastating. What may be more devastating is some of the rumors, innuendo, and misguided coverage he has received by the national media.

"Bo stands to lose 100 million?" says one magazine. What kind of ludicrous statement is that? How can you lose something you haven't even earned yet? Bo has already made millions upon millions in baseball, football, and kick endorsements with Pepsi and Nike. If Bo never does another commercial, he'll be set for life. Bo hasn't lost a thing.

In any event, our prayers go out to Bo and his family in hopes of a 100% recovery and, if not,

the strength to deal with the situation, however it develops.

It would be nice, however, to see Bo fully recovered and in New York City, playing for the Yankees. Hopefully they'll take a chance on signing him.

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This has been one exciting NCAA tournament.

Some of the most memorable moments:

Syracuse and superstar Billy Owens being knocked out in the first round by 15 seed Richmond, basically giving UNC a clear path towards the Final Four. Too bad — seeing Owens, Dave Johnson and company against UNC would have been something to watch.

The likely conclusion of Kenny Anderson's illustrious two-year career at Georgia Tech on an 8-28 performance against Ohio State. You still won't be able to touch him in the pros — Anderson will be unstoppable.



## Whitney Houston treats East Orange youth to night with the Nets

EAST ORANGE - Through a generous donation from superstar Whitney Houston, 230 East Orange youth will be able to spend an evening enjoying the New Jersey Nets basketball team play against the Boston Celtics at the Meadowlands Arena. The game will take place on Tuesday, April 2,

1991 at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket distribution will be coordinated with the East Orange public and private schools. The students will be selected on the basis of their academic achievement. For additional information, contact Michael Davis at (201) 266-5550.

## New football league coming to Plainfield

The Queen City Youth League will begin recruiting football players this spring. Hosted by a number of sponsors, including the City, the league will offer boys ages 9-14 an opportunity to learn fundamentals as well as participate in actual competitive league play.

Registration for the football league will take place Saturday, March 30, 1991 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Hubbard School, West Eighth Street in Plainfield. Please bring Birth Certificate. In addition, there will be registration of girls ages 9-14 to act as cheerleaders for the league. For information regarding cheerleader registration, please contact Ms. Lisa Malloy at 753-3203. For further details regarding registration for the football program contact the Recreation Office at 753-3096.

## Kuwait reconstruction

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established—the money to be made has been made.

Senator Brown expressed an openness on her part to respond to issues relative to her specific arena of delegation. She made specific recommendations to the group that included follow up on issues discussed. She commended the Tri-County Minority Business Group for its determination to provide a collective voice on specific issues affecting small businesses in this area. She also commended the Morris County Urban League in its efforts to support organizations such as this. Anyone interested in attending monthly meetings should contact (201) 539-8946.



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